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In regards to the settlement I am unsure if this is supposed to be a letter of agreement to the settlement or a forum to complain about the way microsoft has integrated its software. But from my point of view I would like to air a complaint about the way microsoft has integrated its mail client "Outlook" with its instant messenger product. The Instant messenger is launched everytime I launch Outlook and I consider this to be a possible security problem and a resource hog. I have written to microsoft and they have informed me that there is no way to separate them.

Please let me know if other avenues are available or if I have done this properly, thank you

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